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Dear Sir:

- 1) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 applicants enclose a Third Form PTO-1449 and copies of the references listed thereon.
- 2) This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, to the best knowledge of the undersigned attorney.
- 3) The present references were cited in an Office Action in U. S. Application No. 10/080,154. The Office Action in 10/080,154 was mailed on September 13, 2002 and received by the undersigned attorney on September 17, 2002. Due to similarities of the subject matter of U. S. Application 10/080,154 and the present

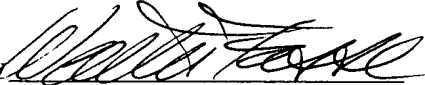
application, the references should also be considered for possible materiality to the present application.

- 4) References AQ to AS are in English. Therefore, no further discussion of the references is required.
- 5) Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider all references of record, return an initialled copy of the enclosed Third Form PTO-1449 and ensure that all references of record are printed on any patent issuing from this application.
- 6) Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1 to 12 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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